

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0018]** The polymer compositions also contain (C) a filler, such as calcium carbonate. The filler is present in a minor amount. The filler is typically present in an amount from 15% to about 50%, or from about 18% to about 45%, or from about 20% to about 40% by weight. Generally, the filler includes mineral powders used in polymer compositions and can include calcium carbonate, titanium dioxide, silica, alumina, mica, etc. A ~~particular~~ particularly useful filler is treated calcium carbonate sold under the tradename of Supercoat, available from E.C.C. ~~Internation~~ International.